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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )

Gary Karlin Michelson )

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For: APPARATUS FOR INSERTING )  
SPINAL IMPLANTS )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claims:

- 122. The apparatus of claim 105, in combination with a spinal fusion implant.
- 123. The apparatus of claim 122, in combination with a fusion promoting material.
- 124. The apparatus of claim 123, wherein said fusion promoting material is bone.--.